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SBUEJCT: REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM FOREIGN
MINISTER DENNIS IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AUGUST
9 MESSAGE:

QUOTE AUGUST 11, 1974

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

"I HAVE RECEIVED WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION THE MESSAGE
WHICH YOU HAVE SENT TO ME AND TO OTHER FOREIGN MINISTERS GIVING
ASSURANCES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT GERALD FORD IS
DEDICATED TO PURSUING WITH CONTINUITY THE POLICIES OF THE UNITED
STATES IN ITS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

"THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT FORCE FOR PEACE,
GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION IN OUR ONE WORLD, AND
THE POLICIES PURSUED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN
A MOST IMPORTANT AND POSITIVE MANNER TO THE EXISTING ATMOSPHERE
OF DETENTE AND CONCILIATION WHICH NOW INCREASINLY DEFINES
RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OLD ANTAGONISTS
OR MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT IDEOLOGICAL OR POLITICAL BLOCS.
NEVERTHELESS, OUR HOPES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW
ERA OF PEACE AND HARMONY AMONG ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLES,
CANNOT BE COMPLETE, SO LONG AS THE PERVASIVE PROBLEMS OF POVERTY,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, THE PROLIFERATION OF ARMAMENTS, THE
DENIAL OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE EXISTENCE OF SUSPICION
AND DISTRUST REMAIN SO PAINFULLY A PART OF OUR DAILY

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EXISTENCE. WE HAVE ALL SEEN ONCE AGAIN, BY THE EVENTS OF

RECENT TIMES, THAT THE PEACE, PROGRESS AND SECURITY OF ANY ONE NATION CANNOT BE ASSURED IN ISOLATION, BUT ONLY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRULY JUST, PEACEFUL AND STABLE WORLD ORDER.

"IT IS THE BELIEF OF THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT, THAT THE CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY TO WHICH YOU HAVE REFERRED SHALL BE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE REALIZATION OF THIS ALL IMPORTANT GOAL. YOU MAY BE ASSURED, THEREFORE, OF THE CONTINUING COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA IN THIS EFFORT. MOREOVER, A FUNDAMENTAL INGREDIENT OF OUR POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION OF THE CLOSE AND HISTORIC TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH BIND OUR TWO NATIONS AND PEOPLES.

"I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT YOU LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND HELPING HIM ACHIEVE THE LOFTY GOALS TO WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS DEDICATED. BY THE GRACE OF ALMIGHTY GOD I WISH FOR PRESIDENT FORD AND YOUR GOODSELF ABUNDANT SUCCESS IN THIS SUPREME UNDERTAKING IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

"WITH SENTIMENTS OF MY ESTEEM AND WARM REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

S/ C. CECIL DENNIS, JR
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

END OF QUOTE.

2. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO AF/W.
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